

Loan Repayment Programs

<u>National Health Service Corps</u> Loan Repayment Program - This federal program will pay the individuals in 11 different healthcare professions \$50,000 over a two year period to repay education loans in return for working in Healthcare Provider Shortage Areas (HPSA). http://nhsc.bhpr.hrsa.gov/.

<u>Wyoming Healthcare Provider Loan Repayment Program</u> - Wyoming offers this program in two categories covering about 50 professions: physician and dentist; and Allied Healthcare professionals. http://www.health.wyo.gov/rfhd/rural/loan.html

<u>Nursing Education Loan Repayment Program</u> - NELRP is a competitive program that repays 60 percent of the qualifying loan balance of registered nurses selected for funding in exchange for 2 years of service at a critical shortage facility. Participants may be eligible to work a third year and receive an additional 25 percent of the qualifying loan balance. http://bhpr.hrsa.gov/nursing/loanrepay.htm.

<u>Loan Forgiveness for Public Service Employees</u> - This program will pay off remainder of debt after 10 years of payments for a multitude of public service professions. http://studentaid.ed.gov/students/attachments/siteresources/LoanForgivenessMarch18.pdf

<u>Indian Health Service Loan Repayment Program</u> - The Indian Health Service Loan Repayment Program (IHSLRP) offers health care professionals the opportunity to lighten qualified student loan debts and help IHS meet the staffing needs of Indian health programs. It is open to health professionals who will commit to working in health facilities serving American Indians and Alaska Natives for a minimum two-year service obligation. http://www.ihs.gov/JobsCareerDevelop/DHPS/LRP/about_lrp.cfm

<u>Faculty Loan Repayment Program (FLRP)</u> - FLRP provides financial incentive for degree-trained health professionals to pursue academic careers. If selected, you must agree to serve on the faculty of an accredited health professions school for a minimum of two years. In return, the Federal government agrees to pay, for each year of faculty service, up to \$20,000 of the outstanding principal and interest on the participant's educational loans. http://bhpr.hrsa.gov/dsa/flrp/

<u>National Institute of Health (NIH) Loan Repayemnt Program</u> - This program aims to attract health professionals to careers in clinical, pediatric, health disparity, or contraceptive and infertility research. <u>http://www.lrp.nih.gov/</u>

Wyoming Healthcare Workforce Development (http://www.health.wyo.gov/rfhd/rural/Workforce Development.html)

Feel free to contact the Wyoming Office of Rural Health at 307-777-2930 or 777-7293 for additional technical assistance.



Healthcare Scholarship Resources

<u>National Health Service Corps</u> - In exchange for 2 to 4 years of service in an NHSC-approved site in a Health Professional Shortage Area of greatest need: Tuition, fees, other reasonable educational costs and living stipend; for students in training to become primary care physicians, dentists, nurse practitioners, certified nurse-midwives or physician assistants. http://nhsc.bhpr.hrsa.gov/scholarship/apply.htm

<u>Perkins Loans</u> - The federal government will pay-off the Perkins loan amount if the individual workins in identified healthcare fields for a spedified amount of time. http://www.ed.gov/programs/fpl/index.html

<u>WWAMI</u> - Washington, Wyoming, Alaska, Montana and Idaho Medical School program http://uwadmnweb.uwyo.edu/wwami/

<u>WyIN</u> - Wyoming Investment in Nursing. This program is coordinated at college student aid offices in Wyoming. The funds are to assist with nurse educational expenses as determined by the fnancial aid office at each academic institution. http://communitycolleges.wy.edu/business/WYiN.htm

<u>WICHE</u> - Allows Wyoming citizens to recieve in-state tution when obtaining medical education out of state in programs not available in Wyoming. http://wiche.edu/

<u>University of Wyoming Scholarship Book</u> - Lists scholarships available throughout Wyoming and federal programs. Not all are healthcare oriented.

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<u>University of Wyoming Scholarship information</u> - Scholarships available at UW and other financial aid information. Not all are healthcare oriented. http://uwadmnweb.uwyo.edu/sfa/scholarship/

<u>Wyoming Community Foundation</u> - Information on various scholarships available to Wyoming high school graduates, including healthcare scholarships. http://www.wycf.org/scholarships.asp

Hospital Foundation scholarship programs - Some hospitals offer scholarships in hard to fill medical professions in exchange for working in that hospital after graduation. Check with the various hospitals in your area.

Professional Organizations - Many national and state professional organizations offer scholarships for education in their professions. Check the professional organization websites for specific details on what each offers.

Raconline.org Health Education Financial Aid

http://www.raconline.org/info_guides/funding/hpeducation.php

<u>Indian Health Service Scholarship Program</u> - The Indian Health Service Scholarship Program offers American Indian/Alaska Native students three different scholarship options. http://www.ihs.gov/JobsCareerDevelop/DHPS/Scholarships/learn_more.cfm

<u>A Nurse I Am Scholarship Program</u> - Watch a video and write an essay. http://www.anurseiam.com/learn.php



<u>Lydia's Professional Uniforms and American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN) Scholarship</u> <u>for Baccalaureate Students</u> - WASHINGTON, DC - Lydia's Professional Uniforms, a leading supplier of apparel for health professionals, is partnering with the American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN) to launch a new scholarship program for nurses enrolled in baccalaureate programs. Through this partnership, Lydia's will provide \$5,000 in competitive scholarship monies each semester to eligible nursing students. http://www.aacn.nche.edu/Media/NewsReleases/2004/04LydiasScholarship.htm

<u>American Dental Association</u> - Scholarships for Dental Students, Minority Dental Students, Dental Hygiene, Dental Assistant, and Dental Laboratory Technology. http://www.ada.org/ada/adaf/grants/scholarships.asp

Healthcare Workforce Development (http://www.health.wyo.gov/rfhd/rural/Workforce_Development.html)
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Information on all programs the Office of Rural Health operates provides oversight or assistance is available at this web address: http://www.health.wyo.gov/rfhd/rural/index.html

Federal Grants: Includes information on the Medicare Rural Hospital Flexibility Program (Flex) Grant, Primary Care Office Grant, State office of Rural Health Grant, and Small Rural Hospital Improvement Program Grant.

State Grants: Includes information on the Physician Recruitment Grant Program, Wyoming Healthcare Professional Loan Repayment Program, the Magnet Hospital Grant, Community Assessment Grants, and the State Small Hospital Improvement Program.

The ORH web page (http://www.health.wyo.gov/rfhd/rural/index.html) has additional information on:

Critical Access Hospitals

Includes information on Critical Access Hospitals and the Flex Grant

Rural Health Clinics

Includes information on Rural Health Clinics and Federally Qualified Health Centers

Workforce Development

Includes links to physician recruitment resources, scholarship information, loan repayment programs, and the J-1 Visa Conrad 30 program

Primary Care Office

Discusses the Office of Rural Health's role as the Primary Care Office

Health Profession Shortage Areas (HPSA)

Includes maps of HPSAs in Wyoming

What is Rural?

<u>In</u>cludes definitions of Rural and a link to see if your location is Rural

Grantwriting Tips

Includes grant writing tips from HRSA

Wyoming Healthcare Provider Loan Repayment Program

Includes information on the Wyoming Healthcare Provider Loan Repayment Program

Wyoming Physician Recruitment Program

Includes information on the Wyoming Physician Recruitment Program